

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



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Frederick County Agency Updates for May 19, 2020

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Health Department:

The Health Department is now reporting that 1531 (+23 in 24hrs) residents have tested positive for COVID-19, 93 (+1 in 24hrs) people have died, and 793 (+39 in 24hrs) people have been released from isolation. For more information, please visit <u>health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus</u>.

Update about Testing

The Frederick County Health Department and Frederick Health Hospital (FHH) have partnered with several organizations in the community to form a COVID-19 Testing Task Force to better help guide our strategy for testing in Frederick County and provide needed information to County leadership.

Outpatient specimen collection in our community for COVID-19 is currently being performed at:

- Frederick Health Hospital via curbside service 7 days a week from 9am 3pm
- several Frederick Primary Care Associates office sites
- many local urgent care centers
- many local healthcare providers
- State testing teams sent to long-term care facilities

Additional testing sites will be made available over the next several weeks throughout the county.

Information about current testing criteria for the FHH via curbside service is available <u>here</u>. Please note that FHH current criteria still excludes patients with no symptoms, but insurance or a doctor's order is not required to get tested at that location.

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Department of Solid Waste Management:

Pandemic use restrictions have been lifted from the County's waste processing facilities located at 9031 Reichs Ford Road. The transfer station, yard waste drop-off, Citizens' Convenience Center and recycling drop-off center are open to the public. Mulch and compost sales have resumed. Procedural changes at this time include:

- The administrative offices remain closed to all walk-in business.
- Paid transactions must be completed using check or credit card only; cash payments will not be accepted at this time. (Please note that residents who had applied to use the facility during the period of pandemic restrictions no longer need to use their temporary permits and will need to pay for transactions at the time of service.)
- All customers utilizing the site must wear a facial covering/mask and/or comply with social distancing, maintaining six feet or more between individuals.

Normal facility hours are in effect (Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) and the regular holiday site closure will be observed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. Please visit the Department of Solid Waste Management website for further information: www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/landfill.

For more information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19.

Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- City of Frederick: //cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19
- Frederick County Government: www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): <u>coronavirus.maryland.gov</u>
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): <u>coronavirus.gov</u>

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